

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 Plaintiff,) Criminal No. 3:11-cr-66-01
)
 v.) **STIPULATED DISCOVERY ORDER**
) **AND PROTECTIVE ORDER**
PAUL ISAAC AHERNS, a/k/a BUBBA,)
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 Defendant.)

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD by and between the United States and the defendant, PAUL ISAAC AHERNS, a/k/a BUBBA, by and through his undersigned counsel, as follows:

1. The United States will include in its open discovery file or otherwise make available law enforcement reports (excluding evaluative material of matters such as possible defenses and legal strategies), and evidence or existing summaries of evidence in the custody of the United States Attorney's Office which provide the basis for the case against the defendant. The file will include Rule 16, Brady, and Jencks Act materials of which the United States Attorney's Office is aware and possesses according to applicable statutes and case law. Should the defendant become aware of any Brady material not contained in the open discovery file, defendant will notify the United States Attorney's Office of such materials in order that the information may be obtained. The United States will disclose witnesses' statements no later than ten (10) working days before trial. If statements are obtained nine (9) days or less before trial, or during trial, the statements will be disclosed no later than three (3) days before the witnesses testifies. The United

States will disclose the grand jury testimony of trial witnesses three days prior to trial pursuant to the Court's Standing Order. The United States will provide the discovery on CD-ROMs and any cost of printing shall be the responsibility of the defendant.

2. The United States may redact or withhold information from the open discovery file for security concerns or to protect an ongoing investigation. This does not preclude the defendant from requesting *in camera* review of such material by the Court, upon proper showing, in order to determine whether or not it should be disclosed in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 16. Where the United States withholds information from the open discovery file, notice of the withholding, along with a general description of the type of material withheld, will be included in the open discovery file. Except for material subject to disclosure by Rule 16, Brady, the Jencks Act, or other applicable law, the open discovery file will also not contain evidence which the United States has decided to use solely for impeachment of defense witnesses or rebuttal evidence. It will not include evaluative material of matters such as possible defenses and legal strategies or other attorney work product. The United States is authorized to disclose any defendant's tax information in its file to co-defendants for use consistent with this Order.

3. The information in the United States' discovery file may only be used for the limited purpose of discovery and in connection with the above-captioned federal criminal case now pending against the defendant. Copies of the information provided in discovery shall not be disseminated to or used by any person other than the defendant, his counsel, his counsel's staff or employees, and any agent or expert retained by defendant

or his counsel. The information may not be used or disclosed in any proceeding not part of the pending criminal case. Any agent retained or used by the defendant in preparation for litigation will be advised of this Order by the defendant and use of the information by the retained agent will be subject to the terms of the Order. This paragraph does not prohibit the dissemination of disclosed materials between co-defendant's counsel in this federal criminal case who are subject to this Order. No copies of materials obtained through discovery shall be disseminated to other defendants or their counsel who are not subject to this Order except through motion pleading or the offer of trial and sentencing exhibits.

4. Grand jury testimony, Jenks Act statements, and other discovery material will remain in the sole custody of the party's attorney or the agent working on behalf of the attorney and shall not be left with the defendant or any third party. The prohibition on leaving materials with the defendant or third party shall not apply to items discoverable under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16 and, to the extent they are intended for use as evidence in chief at trial, copies of documents, tangible objects, and reports of examinations and tests. Other than for uses associated with representation of the defendant in the criminal case now pending, the defense shall not photocopy or reproduce grand jury transcripts, Jencks Act statements, or exhibits. If the attorney for the defendant is subsequently allowed to withdraw from this case, and a new attorney is appointed or retained, upon agreement by the United States Attorney's Office, the withdrawing attorney may provide copies of transcriptions, summaries, notes, or dictations of discovery material to the new attorney.

The new attorney, however, shall be subject to the terms of this Order.

For defendants who are detained pending trial, the parties may modify this paragraph on a case-by-case basis without leave of the Court. Any modification of this paragraph must be in writing and approved by the United States Attorney or his designee.

5. In exchange for the production by the Government of memoranda of interviews, the defendant agrees to provide copies of any and all statements of witnesses prepared by or on behalf of the defendant if the defendant intends to call said witnesses at trial, no later than ten (10) working days before trial. Such production will be made subject to the same terms and conditions as specified in paragraph 2, above. If statements are obtained nine (9) days or less before trial, or during trial, the statements will be disclosed no later than three (3) days before the witnesses testify. This agreement for production of such materials does not include the production of materials that would constitute an infringement of the attorney-client relationship or reveal confidential communications between the defendant and his attorneys, or evaluative material such as possible defenses and legal strategies or other attorney work product. This term shall not be construed to require reciprocal production of materials greater than that required under the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

6. Upon disclosure of the United States' discovery file, defendant shall be under a continuing obligation to provide disclosure of statements as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3500(e)(1) and (2) and reciprocal discovery under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(b) and 26.2.

7. Dictation of discovery materials is permissible, but duplication of materials

by video, photography, copy machine, computer scanner, or other means may not be used except for uses associated with representation of the client concerning the case now pending.

8. The United States' open discovery file generally satisfies its notice obligations pursuant Fed. R. Crim. P. 12(b)(4). It also serves as notice under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16 (a)(1)(F) and (G) with respect to laboratory experts that have analyzed items related to controlled substances.

9. The parties will exchange a list of prospective witnesses and a list of prospective exhibits no later than five (5) working days prior to trial. For witnesses for whom there existed no statements or reports that were subject to disclosure through discovery, the party listing the witness shall also note next to the witness's name on the list the general purpose of his or her expected testimony.

10. The parties agree to jointly request that the Court enter a Protective Order, consistent with this agreement, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d)(1).

11. This ORDER imposes a continuing duty to disclose on all parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2011.

/s/ Ralph R. Erickson
RALPH R. ERICKSON, Chief Judge
United States District Court

Agreed to on July 12, 2011.

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